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## **Gilbert offers resolution to protect American intellectual property**

**Lansing** – Sen. Jud Gilbert (R-Algonac) today announced Senate passage of a resolution memorializing Congress to expand its efforts ensuring that the intellectual property of domestic businesses and individuals is protected.

The resolution is part of a nine-point plan introduced by Senate Republicans. The plan, known as JOBS: Job Opportunities for Business Success, is designed to create more job opportunities in Michigan.

Senate Resolution 188 is a result of the manufacturing industry citing examples where companies in other nations have been infringing upon intellectual property rights. This has resulted in financial losses and further intensified the challenges faced by manufacturers.

“We urge Congress to take action against those countries that violate the World Trade Organization and World Intellectual Property Organization standards,” Gilbert said. “Creating job opportunities in Michigan is a top priority. These violations of property right standards are impeding our efforts.”

The resolution states that our nation’s history is full of discoveries and inventions of new goods and production methods that have advanced the quality of life and created a strong economy. In order to ensure economic recovery in Michigan, businesses and entrepreneurs need to be secure in their intellectual property in order to build economic strength and remain competitive.

The Senate is expected to take up the remaining parts of the JOBS package when they return to Lansing next week.

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